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MY POINT OF VIEW



Good Afternoon All.

A warm welcome to Frank Barlow and his Chesterfield team which is currently riding high in the Third Division battle for promotion; the

team has proved itself to be just about the best side in that division at the present time, and by virtue of their great victory over Glasgow Rangers at Saltergate, the players have certainly grabbed the limelight. Frank took over from Arthur Cox just a little while ago and it is safe to say that his side has lost none of its momentum.

Today will be a nice return to Springfield Park for our ex-player from non-league days, Danny Wilson. I like to think that we had a hand in setting Danny off on his football career by giving him a platform to show off his potential ability. Bury were the club to gain, but I am sure that, if we could have got into League Football a year

earlier, young Danny might well have started his full-time career in his home town.

Cup Run

I trust we can really get off the ground today and enjoy as successful a run as we had last year in the F.A. Cup. We started our run in Season 1979-1980, by beating a Third Division side — Blackpool — and it would be nice to begin this year's campaign in the same vein. It is very important at this stage of the season to keep the interest going and you can be sure we will be giving our everything today to get the result I know you would all like to see.

Enjoy today's game.

Ian McNeill

Front Page Photo — Colin Methven prepares to celebrate his goal which gave Wigan Athletic a replay against Blackpool in last year's First Round F.A. Cup game.

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GREAT NAMES FROM THE PAST

BY HAROLD ASHURST

WITH F.A. Cup time upon us once again, it is appropriate to move onto a team packed to the brim with "great names from the past"; a team that set the stage in post-Second World War years for Wigan Athletic's Cup-fighting tradition. I refer, of course, to the famous Ted Goodier team of Season 1953-1954, rated by many as the finest Latics Cup team of them all. The individual players from that great side of the fifties will be looked at more closely over the next few programme issues, but, today we will look at the team as a whole and chart its progress to the Third Round of the F.A. Cup and the two clashes with mighty Newcastle United. At full strength, the team lined up as follows:- Bert Lomas, Jack Lindsay, Harry Parkinson, Sammy Lynn, Dave Mycock, Kenny Banks, Tommy Butler, Jack Livesey, Billy Lomax, Jackie Lyon and Tommy Hindle.

The Cup-run started off quietly enough on the 7th November, 1953, when Latics entertained old rivals Burscough at Springfield Park. After a tough struggle

Wigan gained a 2-1 win, thanks to goals from centre-half Dave Mycock and that almost legendary centre-forward Billy Lomax.

As always happened in non-League days, the Wigan public's appetite was whetted when the Latics reached the First Round Proper, and, although the local favourites drew another non-league side, Scarborough, there was an astonishing gate of 12,692 spectators for the game at Springfield Park. Wigan warmed the hearts of their supporters on that cold November day by thrashing Scarborough with goals coming from Hindle, Livesey, Lomax and Lyon.

Whatever the draw for the next round, a big crowd was assured, but, when it was learned that the Latics would play host to non-league Hereford United, there were several disappointed people who had wished for a bigger club. However, on the 13th December, 1953, the world of football gasped to learn that a staggering 27,500 people had turned up to witness a game between two non-league clubs. This gate figure stands as a record even today, for a game involving non-league clubs other than at Wembley Stadium. That day, Wigan Athletic really turned it on and triumphed 4-1, thanks to two goals from Jack Livesey, one goal from Jackie Lyon and an own-goal by an unfortunate Hereford United defender.

In the Third Round, Latics were drawn away against the Cup team of the decade — Newcastle United — and cup fever gripped the whole of Wigan.

You have probably heard, often enough, about the deeds which took place on the 9th January, 1954, when, in front of 52,222 spectators, Wigan Athletic tore up the form-book and grabbed a fully deserved 2-2 draw at St. James Park. Even the Geordies rose to acclaim Wigan's outstanding performance and great hearted Billy Lomax was carried shoulder high from the team's hotel after the game to the Newcastle railway station — by Newcastle United fans.

Although Wigan Athletic lost a controversial replay at Springfield Park by 2-3, that great cup-run lives on in the memories of Wigan Athletic fans, and with the visits to Manchester City, Birmingham City, Chelsea, and Everton which followed in later years, who knows what the future may hold in store!

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by Fred Eyre

EACH season we hold our own goal of the season competition. The first season, in spite of a magnificent goal haul of 35 goals in 38 games, it wasn't won by Tony Quinn, or by any of Allan Crompton's many gems, but by local boy Brian Cunliffe, for his magnificent goal at home to Manchester United.

Last season, although the stars chipped in with some beauties, the jury (consisting of me and Brooky!!) again had to hand it to "Cunners" for his wonderful effort at home to Macclesfield. Our judgement was in no way clouded by the fact that Brooky and I, due to a spate of injuries, figured in

this 7 - nil drubbing and that I started the move on my own dead ball line with a two foot pass to Brian for him to start off on a seventy yard run past at least six defenders, to end up by coolly chipping the ball over the advancing keeper's head. Brooky's part in the move was to shout from the right back position seventy yards away, "chip him", which Brian, with uncanny good hearing promptly obliged by doing.

This current season had barely been two months old when Brian did it again. He does not score many, but when he does they are all memorable. His right foot swerver away at Wrexham two weeks ago is going to take some beating and I think he will hold the title for a third successive season.

Brian, from nearby Ashton-in-Makerfield, has not always commanded a regular place but is an invaluable member of my squad. He never lets me down whenever and wherever I ask him to play, and I think the world of him.

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AS IF coping with all the hysteria and tension which the seven days before an F.A. Cup Tie tends to generate within a Football Club, we have just completed our periodic session of crystal ball gazing! I must hasten to add that my staff are not taking to palmistry or reading fortunes from tea leaves, in order to raise much needed finance for the Football Club. In fact, we have been putting to bed our last few plans for the lottery operations to be introduced and carried through from the New Year to the later weeks of the close season next July. Such are the demands of printers, and such are the problems of achieving delivery dates for ticket stocks, that we have to plan months in advance of the periods when the tickets will actually go on sale. Bearing in mind the changing attitudes of the purchasers, not to mention the economic recession which is expected to become even more acute in the post-Christmas period, the advance planning of lottery activities becomes a hazardous business. Rumours of changes in legislation to be introduced also tend to have an unsettling effect on even the most positive thinking and enlightened promoter. Such is the competition from rival organisations that one feels the need to keep one's plans secret even from those who support the cause, for fear that, in a burst of enthusiastic conversation, they might "blow the gaff" and deprive one's organisation of a market advantage. However, each new

operation planned lifts the spirits of those whose day to day responsibility centres around the provision of much needed financial support for the parent body. Whatever the eventual outcome, I can promise you that plans now being finalised will provide a platform from which Wigan Athletic can begin 1981 in style. When the time comes, we will need every bit of support we can muster from our loyal following, so please listen for the call, and when it comes, do your best to respond positively.

We are delighted to acknowledge the sponsoring of today's game by Smiths Bookshop, of 41, Mesnes Street, Wigan, Telephone Wigan 46270/42810, from where the public can purchase magazines, records, paper-backs, text books, maps and stationery covering a very wide range of tastes and subjects. To our friends, Sydney and Trevor Smith, we extend our thanks for this further interest they have shown in our club.

Another old friend, Mr. Stan Jackson, of Fred Grimes Limited, Motor Dealers, 120 Standishgate, Wigan, Telephone No. Wigan 43113, has kindly provided today's match ball, and for this, and many past favours, we express our thanks. Enjoy today's game.

J.T. Sudworth.
Commercial Manager.



Letterbox

Springfield Park, Wigan. 19th November, 1980.

Dear Readers,

Many thanks for the letters which continue to roll in. In addition to the effort published in today's programme, we have had letters complaining about the treatment being given to Jeff Wright by unappreciative spectators, complaints about press coverage which discourages potential visitors to Springfield Park, and a variety of views on the problems currently facing football.

Since the Davis family are already season ticket holders, we will come to some arrangement with them to find an alternative to the complimentary tickets to which they were due for contributing to Letterbox this week.

Enjoy the match.

Jack Sudworth, Commercial Manager.

11 Green Hayes Ave., Wigan, WN2 1HA. 11th November, 1980.

Dear Sir,

I write in response to your recent "Scene and Heard" column on the future of football.

My wife and I have been supporters, home and away at Wigan Athletic since the early Northern Premier League days. We have had season tickets for the stand since entry into the Fourth Division.

Now, having two boys, we buy four stand season tickets each year and we never miss a home game. We also attend as many away games as possible.

It is with dismay that we now view the possibility of Sunday football. My wife teaches in a Sunday School class and the boys attend also. One of them is in the junior band of the Salvation Army and is totally committed on Sunday. We could no longer support Latics if the day was changed.

This is, of course, a purely personal view and I hope it doesn't sound too selfish for us to want to support you ourselves, instead of the possible new fans that Sunday football may bring in.

Yours faithfully, Philip A. Davis, Muriel J. Davis, Robert P. Davis, Martin R. Davis.

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ABOVE:

Frank Corrigan follows up in anticipation, as Derek Brownbill's last minute effort sees Wigan Athletic through to the Third Round of the F.A. Cup at the expense of gallant Northwich Victoria.

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LEFT:-

Chelsea goalkeeper Petar Borota is left helpless by Tommy Gore's delicate chip shot which earns Wigan Athletic victory at Stamford Bridge, and the chance to visit Everton in the Fourth Round of last year's F.A. Cup competition.

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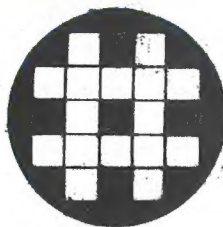
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ON THE BALL No. 14

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

They should be penalised; Old club, Glossop --- End; Scottish side; Boots have them.



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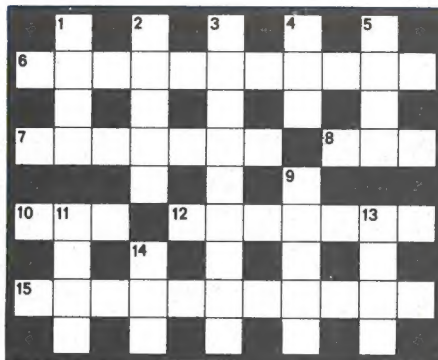
CLUB CLUB No. 14

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a soccer side:

He's been overacting for years!

MIXED DOUBLES No. 14

Rearrange the letters in each of the words **LOOP** and **SOFTER** to find two club nicknames.



SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 14 (compiled by David Peck)
ACROSS

1. Bournemouth, Norwich and Manchester City striker who ... (5,6)
7. ... made his debut for --- in November 1979 (7)
8. See 14dn
10. **Graydon or Gooding** (3)
12. Former Southampton and Chelsea brothers Peter (who also played for 7ac) and John (who also played for Coventry and Plymouth) (7)
15. Stockport County's ground (7,4)

DOWN

1. Top-scorer for Walsall last season (4)
2. Kellock, could be (5)
3. The nickname of Newport County (9)
4. --- Davison managed Sheffield United for twenty years (3)
5. Haslegrave, perhaps (4)
9. There's a famous one on Yeovil's ground (5)
11. Rowland or Rollings (4)
13. Burnley have Moor of it! (4)
- 14 & 8ac. Liverpool's winning score against Oulun Palloseura in this season's European Cup (3-3)

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Answers on Page 22.





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OUR VISITORS



CHESTERFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB — 1980-1981 (Left to Right) **Back Row:** Gary Simpson, Les Hunter, Ernie Moss, Phil Tingay, Bill Green, John Turner, Phil Walker, Gary Pollard, Shaun O'Neill. **Front Row:** Alan Crawford, Alan Birch, Phil Bonnyman, Geoff Salmons, Arthur Cox (former Manager), Andy Kowalski, Colin Jant, Danny Wilson, John Stirk.

THIS afternoon we are privileged to welcome to Springfield Park the directors, management, staff and supporters of the Chesterfield Football Club, for what might turn out to be a most exciting and, dare we hope, surprising F.A. Cup encounter.

In normal circumstances, one would expect our visitors, riding as they are on the crest of a wave, to emphasise the gap which exists in playing performance between a team at the top of the Third Division and a side which is struggling to get away from the lower reaches of the Fourth Division. After narrowly missing promotion to the Second Division last time around, the "Spireites" are again making their presence felt in the Third Division championship race, and, in addition, are performing heroically in the Anglo-Scottish Cup Competition, having recently eliminated the mighty Glasgow Rangers. However, as our visitors will well know, the F.A. Cup Competition has a magic all of its own and teams of far less calibre than that which today wears the Wigan Athletic colours have accounted for many "giants" in years past. The Wigan Athletic Football Club last season

had the joy of knocking out Blackpool and Chelsea, past winners of the F.A. Cup competition, so today's game will in no way frighten Ian McNeill's battle-hardened warriors.

Anticipation of a great upset will be in the minds of the Wigan spectators making their pilgrimage to Springfield Park this afternoon, but with Chesterfield parading five goal-scorers of quality — Birch, Moss, Bonnyman, Walker and Crawford — the local side could be in for a thorough examination of their playing character, fighting spirit and personal pride. Each of the strikers named notched more than ten goals in League Football last season, and, backed up as they are by sound defensive and midfield players, the Chesterfield strike force is sure to test the nerve of both player and supporter in the Wigan ranks.

At the end of the day, even if a replay is needed, there can be only one winner of an F.A. Cup tie. Whatever the outcome of today's game, we trust that all witnessing or participating will be able to look back at the event with a feeling of satisfaction and real appreciation of the endeavours of both sides.

CHESTERFIELD

F.C.

PEN PICTURE

FRANK BARLOW — Mexborough, CA Schoolboys in 1966. United from school there and making Divisions 1 and 2. A brought Frank to S and up to an injury season 1975/76 appearances for Ch first-team coach manager in success September, 1980.

ALAN BIRCH — B Joined Walsall from debut at 16½ and former England Youth made nearly 200 Saddlers, for whom Year 78/79' prior Chesterfield in July record fee. Voted Ch the Year' for last se

PHIL BONNYMAN — Joined Rangers from first-team experience Hamilton Academical signed for Carlisle developed from a ba highly skilful m Chesterfield's first transfer deadline da

ALAN CRAWFORD — Joined Rotherham his debut in 1973 at with Mansfield Town winger, Alan has a having scored 31 1976/77 alone. Sig in July 1979.

BILL GREEN — B Hartlepool United there four seasons b First Division with bargain £16,500. In to West Ham United the start of the 197 Peterborough United for Chesterfield in J Club record fee. Club award winner last s

Ground: Recreation Ground, Chesterfield.

Year Formed: 1866

Football Association Cup best performances: The club reached the fifth round of the competition in Seasons 1932-1933, 1937-1938, and 1949-1950.



ANDY KOWALSKI — Born Mansfield. A former England Boys Clubs International, Andy joined Chesterfield as an amateur in December 1971. Showed exceptional promise and was signed full-time a year later. Made his debut in March 1973 and has held a regular first-team place ever since. Has made over 250 appearances for his one and only club.

ERNIE MOSS — Born Chesterfield. This local lad is a great favourite with his home crowd, having begun his career in 1968 at Saltergate where he won a 4th. Division Championship medal. Joined Peterborough United for £25,000 in January 1976 but didn't settle and moved to Mansfield Town for £30,000 in December 1976. Won a 3rd Division Championship medal there before re-joining his home-town club in January 1979. Created an all-time Club scoring record last season by scoring his 113th League goal for Chesterfield to break the 71 year-old record.

SHAUN O'NEILL — Born Belfast. A former Irish Schoolboy International, Shaun's first League Club was Leeds United. Only 3 games were played for the Elland Road club however, 2 of those being in the UEFA Cup. Joined Chesterfield in July 1974 and has since become one of the most competent defenders in the Division. An ever-present last season.

GARY POLLARD — Born Staveley. A promising 20 year old now in his fourth season as a professional. Made his debut three seasons ago. Made just 1 appearance last season but continued to make good progress in the reserve side. An England Youth trialist.

JOHN RIDLEY — Born Consett. Began his career with Port Vale for whom he gained a reputation as an outstanding player, either in midfield or defence. Leicester City signed him for £55,000 in October 1978 and, after a season in Division 2 and a successful summer in the U.S.A. with Fort Lauderdale Strikers, he joined Chesterfield in August 1979. Captain of the side during Bill Green's absence, he has a B.Sc. honours degree in Maths.

GEOFF SALMONS — Born Mexborough. Joined Sheffield United from school, and in July 1974 became the most expensive player to leave Bramall Lane when he signed for Stoke City for £165,000. A short loan spell with the Blades at the start of the 1977/78 season was followed by a permanent move to

Leicester City in a £60,000 transfer. Signed for Chesterfield in August 1978. A highly talented creative player. Ever-present last year.

JOHN STIRK — Born Consett. Joined Ipswich Town from school, but made only 6 first-team appearances before signing for Watford for £30,000 in July 1978. Was an ever-present member of their 1978/79 promotion winning squad and was also a P.F.A. award winner that same season. Signed for Chesterfield in March 1980.

COLIN TARTT — Born Liverpool. Began his career with Port Vale whom he joined from college, spending five years at Vale Park. Came to Saltergate in March 1977. Is a fully-qualified school-teacher. 'Player of the Year' three seasons ago.

PHIL TINGAY — Born Chesterfield. Signed Professional forms in July 1972, and so is the longest serving member on the playing staff. Over the years has faced stiff opposition from Jim Brown, Steve Hardwick, Steve Ogriozovic, Glen Letheren, and now John Turner, but has always performed exceptionally well when called upon.

JOHN TURNER — Born Gateshead. Began his career with Derby County but had to seek loan spells at Doncaster, Brighton, Peterborough and Huddersfield to gain first-team experience. Moved to Reading in May 1975 and was a member of their 1975/76 promotion squad. Signed for Torquay in August 1978 and his outstanding form there prompted Chesterfield to pay a then Club record fee for his services in February 1980. Was a P.F.A. award winner last season.

PHIL WALKER — Born Kirkby-in-Ashfield. Joined Chesterfield as an amateur in August 1976 and made such outstanding progress that he was signed full-time in December 1977. Made his debut in March 1978 and has shown immense potential ever since. Was the attraction of many top clubs last season.

DANNY WILSON — Born Wigan. Was originally on schoolboy forms at Sunderland when Arthur Cox was coach there, but began to make his name after moving to non-league Wigan Athletic with whom he won a Northern Premier League championship medal. Bury snapped him up for a bargain fee in the summer of 1977 and since then has developed into one of the most hard-working midfielders in the Division. Signed for Chesterfield for a six-figure fee in July 1980.

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PLAYER

Peter Houghton
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Birthplace: Liverpool

Place of Residence: Widnes,
Cheshire.

Date of Birth: 30th Nov. 1954

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 12st. 6lbs.

Previous Professional Club: South
Liverpool.

Advice to Youngsters: Work hard in
training and don't be afraid to have
a go at goal, even when only half a
chance is offered.

Peter made his debut in League
Football with Wigan Athletic,
against Hereford United on
Saturday, 19th August, 1978. To
date, Peter has made 69
appearances, and 7 substitute
appearances at Football League
level, and has scored twenty nine
League goals. He was Wigan
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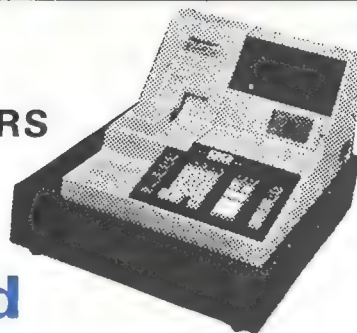
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GOOD afternoon, and a very warm welcome to all our supporters, from the Committee and Bar Staff of the Wigan Athletic Supporters' and Social Club. We also extend greetings to our visitors from Chesterfield for a First Round Proper F.A. Cup game, which we hope will provide enjoyable entertainment.

With regard to special events which are due to take place in the near future, we are pleased to announce that on Thursday, 27th November, for your entertainment in the Social Club, we have, for the first time, a visit from the Wigan Metropolitan Stage Band. The show commences at 8.00 p.m., and, for the price of a 50 pence entry charge, an excellent evening's entertainment is promised. On Thursday, 4th December, 1980, a Memorial Concert is planned as an appreciation of the memory of the late Peter Woods. We expect several top-line artists to appear that night and it is anticipated that a small admission charge will be made.

Artists appearing in the Social Club at week-ends in the immediate future are as follows:-

Saturday, 22nd November (tonight) Richard Anthony. Sunday 23rd November, Eric "Big" Fields (Small door charge) Saturday, 29th November, Andy Ramone. Sunday, 30th November, Miss Vicky Allen.

In my notes for the Northampton Town game, I mentioned that the Football Club Chairman, Mr. F.

Pye, had been unable to attend our Annual General Meeting, but that he had promised to meet our Committee on a convenient occasion. In fact, along with Bobby Charlton, he honoured his promise within seven days, and the lads who went along informed me that a wonderful dialogue took place and that they thoroughly enjoyed his hospitality for a couple of hours, and they wished to express their thanks to Mr. Pye for a most rewarding get-together.

Our steward and stewardess, Jim and Nellie, would like to thank those people who are taking advantage of the lunch-time snack facility in the club. Have you been along yet? If not, why not drop in soon; not only will you get value for money, but the beer is good too! Enjoy today's game.

J. A. Eckersley

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NORTHAMPTON TOWN are the latest in a long line of clubs to announce a financial loss for the last twelve months. "The Cobblers" lost £18,500, a figure which would have been considerably higher had they not transferred striker George Reilly to Cambridge United for £180,000 in November last year. In the previous year Northampton had reported a profit of £28,139.

Meanwhile, Halifax Town, who again find themselves struggling in the lower reaches of the Fourth Division, have taken the initiative in seeking talks with the Halifax Rugby League Club to discuss the possibility of the two clubs merging. The Rugby League have agreed to talks, but it is thought that the first thing they will want to be assured about is the "Shaymen's" Football League future.

Over at Bootham Crescent, York City's young goalkeeper Eddie Blackburn, who was signed from Hull City for a bargain £7,500 in the close season, is causing manager Barry Lyons some concern. Lyons is facing the problem of how to

keep hold of Blackburn and a number of other players who have brought the scouts flocking to York. Last week, Jimmy McIlwraith gave Halifax Town their first away win of the season at Mansfield Town, with a well taken penalty kick.

Down on the South coast, Southend United's magnificent home form continues to catch the eye, with a late winner against Bury last weekend giving the club eleven wins from eleven home games played. The fact that goalkeeper Mervyn Cawston once more kept a clean sheet means that he has not conceded a goal at Roots Hall since 18th August, when Port Vale were the visitors.

Lincoln City's leading goal scorer, Mick Harford, who has already netted 15 times this term, has been stopped in his tracks . . . by a Football Association Disciplinary Committee. Mick began a three match suspension last Saturday, missing the visit to Peterborough United after accumulating twenty-two disciplinary points.



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SCENE & HEARD

IN THE very near future we plan, as mentioned in a previous issue, to introduce a form of referendum in connection with "The Future of Football". Although we have already tabulated the questions which we feel are valid to our inquiry, we are prepared to sound opinions on other matters which our supporters may feel are vital to the question at issue. Any items which you might care to offer for our consideration should be submitted to the Commercial Department by no later than 1st December, 1980.

When preparing each match day programme, one of the items which causes us the most aggravation is the problem of acquiring sufficient photographs to keep our material up to date and attractive. For instance, we have been most disappointed that we have not been able to obtain photographs to back up our "Great Names from the Past" feature. With this in mind, we would appeal to any supporter who has, in his or her possession, a copy of any photograph of any individual player or club

official, or, for that matter, any team photograph taken at any stage of the club's life-cycle from 1932 to the present day, to contact the Commercial Manager, Mr. J.T. Sudworth, at a convenient time. We would like to arrange to make a print or copy of each suitable photograph for use in future features which mention of the past history of the Wigan Athletic Football Club. Of course, all photographs will be carefully looked after and returned to their owners as soon as possible after processing.

We have again heard from our young Cumbrian supporter, Simon Fullelove, of "Hillside", Woodend, Egremont, Cumbria, CA22 2TD. Simon is looking for a girl or boy pen-friend, aged between fourteen and sixteen years. Quite naturally, our young friend finds it a bit of a handicap supporting a team some one hundred and twenty miles away from home, and he is looking to receive regular up-dates and information on team changes and general "Latics" activities. If you can help, please contact Simon direct at his home address.

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WIGAN ATHLETIC

Although it would be possible to route our fans to Hereford on 29th November via the M6, M5 and M50 Motorways, we would recommend those making the long trip to use the A49. The recommended A49 route takes travellers through Warrington, Whitchurch, Shrewsbury, Ludlow and Leominster. From Leominster, follow the signposted road for Hereford and the Edgar Street Ground is easily accessible.

HOSPITAL BROADCASTS

As you may have read in the local papers, patients in the Wigan, Billinge and Wroughton group of hospitals can now enjoy an extra helping of local sport.

Thanks to the generosity and co-operation between the Wigan Athletic Board of Directors and the Wigan League of Hospital Friends, equipment has been installed at Springfield Park which will enable a move-by-move commentary to be transmitted to the local hospitals, and to hospitals in the towns of visiting teams should they so wish.

If you would like a message (especially a humorous one) passed to a friend who may be listening, leave written details in the Football Club general office and the commentators will do their best to meet your request.

Yours, in sport, Harry Carey.

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The Chairman's Column

I AM delighted to welcome the Chesterfield Football Club to Springfield Park this afternoon for what will be my first F.A. Cup game as Chairman of the Wigan Athletic Football Club. I am sure that against a quality footballing side like Chesterfield, our boys will have every incentive to emulate the proud achievements of their predecessors in Wigan Athletic colours.

This week has once again highlighted the problems facing football at the present time. When clubs like Manchester City report a loss of almost 1.7 million pounds, when an institution like Tottenham Hotspur feels the pressure from the bank manager, and when even the mighty Liverpool and Manchester United lose support and the money it brings with it through the turnstiles, then football has indeed got problems. If clubs like that feel the strain, you can imagine what it is like for a club like ours in the lower reaches of the Football League. Spectators demand success, but club directors have to be brave enough to battle their way through the crisis period and try to keep their heads and not get carried away in trying to achieve dreams, which, at the same time, could so easily take their clubs to the brink of financial disaster by committing sums of money that are only provided thanks to the good offices of the bankers. These are indeed hard times and clubs are faced with a real fight for survival. I would again appeal to all our loyal fans to stick with us and maintain their support, of which we are justifiably proud. Help us to keep the Wigan Athletic Football Club viable in the worsening economic situation, and join with us in preparing for what we hope will be much more productive and rewarding days yet to come.

Enjoy your F.A. Cup game this afternoon.

Yours sincerely,

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Steve McAdam	3	Gary Pollard
George Urquhart	4	Danny Wilson
Colin Methven	5	Bill Green
Alex Cribley	6	John Ridley
Peter Houghton	7	Alan Birch
Jeff Wright	8	Ernie Moss
Billy Urquhart	9	Phil Bonnyman
Mike Quinn	10	Phil Walker
Frank Corrigan	11	Alan Crawford
Dave McMullan	12	Andy Kowalski

Chesterfield

(Red and Black)

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JOHN D. HOUGH
(Macclesfield)

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Linesmen:
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D. M. CHARNLEY
(Manchester)
Yellow Flag
T. A. JONES
(Macclesfield)

HERE NEXT

Saturday, 6th December, 1980.
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

**WIGAN ATHLETIC -v-
SCUNTHORPE UNITED**
Football League Division 4